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Michigan Winter Wheat Production and Hay Stocks

Michigan wheat growers expect the statewide yield to equal the state record high, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan producers expect to harvest 510,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 38.8 million bushels. The yield forecast of 76 bushels would be 2 bushels above the previous year.

U.S winter wheat production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2014. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last year.

Hay stocks on Michigan farms on May 1, 2015 were 490,000 tons, up 81% from this time last year.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2015 totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago.

Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Crop Summary, May 2015

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	620	570	530	43,230	42,399	40,751
Harvested1,000 acres	590	485	510	32,650	32,304	33,838
Yield Bushels	75.0	74.0	76.0	47.3	42.6	43.5
Production 1,000 bu	44,250	35,890	38,760	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,471,802